

## ABOUT THE MAJOR

Studying philosophy helps students develop skills that are valued by employers in many different fields. It especially enhances one's ability to think and write clearly. Students learn to analyze theories, clarify concepts, dissect arguments and solve problems in effective and creative ways. This contributes to the development of students' communicative powers, making any philosophy majors especially good candidates for opportunities in law, business, government, education, counseling, publishing, technical writing, mass communication, and many other professions.

## ABOUT THIS MAP

This program map is intended ONLY as a guide for students to plan their course of study. It does NOT replace any information in the Undergraduate Catalog, which is the official guide for completing degree requirements. Use this map to help plan and guide your experience at UWG, including academic, co-curricular, and discovery opportunities. Everyone's experience is different and activities in this map are suggestions. Always consult with your advisors whenever possible for new opportunities and updates.

### WHERE CAN YOU GO WITH THIS DEGREE?

- Data Analyst
- Health Services Administrator
- Journalist
- Lawyer
- Marketing Consultant
- Paralegal
- Professor
- Psychologist
- Research Consultant
- Teacher

### ADD A CERTIFICATE

- Data Analytics
- Ethics
- Health and Society
- Human Rights Advocacy
- Social Services

# PHILOSOPHY

## GENERAL TRACK

*Bachelor of Arts*

# 60

CORE CREDIT HOURS

# 33

MAJOR CREDIT HOURS

# 27

ELECTIVE CREDIT HOURS

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YOUR ADVISOR!



UNIVERSITY OF WEST GEORGIA

2023-2024

**TERM 1: FALL**

**A1: ENGL 1101** **3** CREDIT HOURS  
English Composition I

**A2: MATH 1001/1111/1401** **3** CREDIT HOURS  
Quantitative Skills & Reasoning, College Algebra, or Elementary Statistics

**B2: XIDS 2002** **2** CREDIT HOURS  
(Recommended) First-Year Seminar

**E4: PHIL 2130** **3** CREDIT HOURS  
Intro to World Religions

**E1: HIST 1111 OR 1112** **3** CREDIT HOURS  
World History

- MILESTONES:
- COMPLETE ENGL 1101 WITH C OR BETTER.
  - EARN 15 OR MORE CREDIT HOURS.

**TERM 2: SPRING**

**A1: ENGL 1102** **3** CREDIT HOURS  
English Composition II

**E2: HIST 2111 OR 2112** **3** CREDIT HOURS  
US History

**F: PHIL 2010** **3** CREDIT HOURS  
Introduction to Philosophy

**C1: FINE ARTS** **3** CREDIT HOURS

**D1: SCIENCE + LAB** **4** CREDIT HOURS

- MILESTONES:
- COMPLETE ENGL 1102 WITH C OR BETTER.
  - COMPLETE PHIL 2010.
  - EARN 15 OR MORE CREDIT HOURS.

**14 FALL CREDIT HOURS + 16 SPRING CREDIT HOURS = 30 CREDIT HOURS**

**CRUSH YOUR COURSEWORK**

- Complete ENGL 1101, ENGL 1102, and PHIL 2010.
- Get to know your Philosophy faculty mentor.

**FIND YOUR PLACE**

- Attend a meeting of the West Georgia Philosophical Society to meet other students interested in philosophy.
- Attend a meeting of the UWG Intercollegiate Ethics Bowl Team to meet other students and learn about Ethics Bowl.

**BROADEN YOUR PERSPECTIVES**

- Explore diversity, equity, and inclusion resources and opportunities across campus.
- Check out the education abroad office.

**CONNECT OFF-CAMPUS**

- Visit Wolves Vote to learn about the voting process and registration.
- Consider volunteering for a campaign or organization in your community.

**TAKE CARE OF YOURSELF**

- Visit the UWG Wellness Hub to find all the resources available to you!
- Visit Health Services.
- Get fit! Visit URec to see all your options.
- Visit the Center for Economic Education and Financial Literacy.

**PAVE YOUR PATH**

- Complete a self-assessment to see what careers and majors are right for you.
- Visit Office of Career and Graduate School Connections.
- Create your profile on Handshake.
- Consider applying for an on-campus job.

**TERM 1: FALL**

**E3: POLS 1101** **3** CREDIT HOURS  
American Government

**B1: FL 1001** **3** CREDIT HOURS  
Elementary Foreign Language I

**F: PHIL 2020** **3** CREDIT HOURS  
Critical Thinking

**D1: NON-LAB SCIENCE ELECTIVE/MINOR** **3** CREDIT HOURS

- MILESTONES:
- COMPLETE PHIL 2020.
  - COMPLETE FL 1001.
  - EARN 15 OR MORE CREDIT HOURS.

**TERM 2: SPRING**

**C2: FL 1002** **3** CREDIT HOURS  
Elementary Foreign Language II

**F: PHIL 2030** **3** CREDIT HOURS  
Introduction to Ethics

**D2: MATH, SCIENCE, & TECHNOLOGY** **3** CREDIT HOURS

**F: HUMANITIES ELECTIVE ELECTIVE/MINOR** **3** CREDIT HOURS

- MILESTONES:
- COMPLETE PHIL 2030.
  - EARN 15 OR MORE CREDIT HOURS.

**15 FALL CREDIT HOURS + 15 SPRING CREDIT HOURS = 30 CREDIT HOURS**

**CRUSH YOUR COURSEWORK**

- Complete the required 4 courses in a language other than English.
- Think about studying abroad to complete your language requirement.
- Complete PHIL 2020, 2030, 3100, and 3105/3110.
- Meet regularly with your Philosophy faculty mentor.

**FIND YOUR PLACE**

- Join West Georgia Philosophical Society.
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- Apply for membership in our chapter of Phi Sigma Tau, the national philosophy honors society.

**BROADEN YOUR PERSPECTIVES**

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**CONNECT OFF-CAMPUS**

- Complete an internship in your field.
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- Ask your department about networking opportunities with alumni.

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- Take a fitness class, climb the rock wall, or join an intramural team.
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- Draft your resume and attend a resume blitz.
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- Draft your personal statement.
- Visit the graduate school to find out about graduate programs and admission requirements.

**TERM 1: FALL**

**PHIL 3100** **3** CREDIT HOURS  
Ancient & Medieval Philosophy

**F: FL 2001** **3** CREDIT HOURS  
Intermediate I (SPAN, FREN, or GRMN)

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Philosophy Major Upper Division A-C

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**ELECTIVE/MINOR** **3** CREDIT HOURS

- MILESTONES:**
- COMPLETE PHIL 3100 (ANCIENT/MEDIEVAL PHIL).
  - COMPLETE FOREIGN LANGUAGE 2001.
  - EARN 15 OR MORE CREDIT HOURS.

**TERM 2: SPRING**

**F: FL 2002** **3** CREDIT HOURS  
Intermediate II (SPAN, FREN, or GRMN) or FORL 2100, 2200, or 2300

**PHIL 3105 OR 3110** **3** CREDIT HOURS  
Medieval to Early Modern Philosophy or 18th-19th Century Philosophy

**PHIL 3120, 4150, OR 4160** **3** CREDIT HOURS  
American Pragmatism, Analytic Philosophy, or Symbolic Logic

**PHIL MAJOR COURSE** **3** CREDIT HOURS  
Philosophy Major Upper Division A-C

**ELECTIVE/MINOR** **3** CREDIT HOURS

- MILESTONES:**
- COMPLETE PHIL 3105 OR 3110.
  - COMPLETE LANGUAGE REQUIREMENT (FL 2002 OR FL 2001+FORL 2100/2200/2300).
  - EARN 15 OR MORE CREDIT HOURS.

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**TERM 1: FALL**

**PHIL 4300** **3** CREDIT HOURS  
Senior Seminar

**PHIL 3140 OR 4100** **3** CREDIT HOURS  
Existentialism or Phenomenology

**PHIL MAJOR COURSE** **3** CREDIT HOURS  
Philosophy Major Upper Division A-C

**ELECTIVE/MINOR** **3** CREDIT HOURS

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- MILESTONES:**
- COMPLETE SENIOR SEMINAR.
  - EARN 15 OR MORE CREDIT HOURS.

**TERM 2: SPRING**

**PHIL MAJOR COURSE** **3** CREDIT HOURS  
Philosophy Major Upper Division A-C

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Philosophy Major Upper Division A-C

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- MILESTONES:**
- COMPLETE DEGREE.
  - EARN 15 OR MORE CREDIT HOURS.

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- Additional Information:**
- Elective Course - at least 6 hours must be 3/4XXX
  - Philosophy Major Upper Division A-C - in order to graduate, students must complete 6 courses in areas A-C, and must take at least one course from each area A, B, and C

**CRUSH YOUR COURSEWORK**

- Take Philosophy Senior Seminar.
- Present your research at the Senior Seminar Symposium.
- Wrap up your Philosophy major courses.
- Talk with your Philosophy faculty mentor about graduation requirements, job opportunities, and graduate school applications.

**FIND YOUR PLACE**

- Run for office in West Georgia Philosophical Society or Phi Sigma Tau.
- Participate in the Meeting of the Minds.

**BROADEN YOUR PERSPECTIVES**

- Assess your cultural competency.
- Consider working abroad and research visa regulations.
- Explore practices of creating more inclusive careers.

**CONNECT OFF-CAMPUS**

- Ask for advice from professionals in your field of interest.
- Explore career shadowing opportunities.

**TAKE CARE OF YOURSELF**

- Explore a farmer's market for fresh produce.
- Develop a post-graduation exercise plan.
- Explore your loan repayment options and complete your exit counseling.

**PAVE YOUR PATH**

- Request references from professors and supervisors.
- Draft your resume cover letter and personal statement and revise it with career services.
- Attend business fairs and career fairs at UWG and across the state.
- Attend an interview workshop.
- Apply for graduate programs.